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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN CONTACT WITH OPEC

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1. PLEASE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE
MALAYSIAN EXPLORATION OF OPEC MEMBERSHIP. AS EMBASSY
AWARE, THIS MEMBERSHIP WOULD DISQUALIFY GOM FOR
GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) UNDER 1974 TRADE
ACT (AS HAS HAPPENED TO INDONESIA, TO GOI'S CONSIDERABLE
ANNOYANCE).WE WOULD PREFER THAT GOM NOT BE REMINDED OF
THIS FACT BY US NOW, IN BELIEF THAT GOM'S SENSITIVITY
TO USG VIEWS COULD PROVE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE IN THIS
INSTANCE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUED REPORTING THIS SUBJECT
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AND EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR'S VIEWS AS TO WHETHER GOM IS

AWARE OF GSP PROBLEM AND HOW MALAYSIANS MIGHT REACT TO
BEING REMINDED OF IT. SISCO

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